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Re: Petition for Refund
U.S. Application Serial No.: 10/689498
Filed: October 20, 2003
**CONNECTOR FOR CONNECTING TWO BUILDING MEMBERS
TOGETHER THAT PERMITS RELATIVE MOVEMENT
BETWEEN THE BUILDING MEMBERS**

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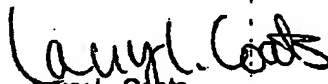
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Dear Sir:

We sent a response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 3, 2006. Attached to that response was a check for \$260.00 - \$60.00 for a one-month time extension request, and \$200.00 for the addition of two independent claims. However, after reviewing this case we realize that the \$200.00 was erroneously sent since the cost of the amount of claims canceled more than covered the \$200.00 fee for adding the independent claims.

Therefore, please refund the \$200.00 to our deposit account no. 18-1167. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,


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In re Application of
diGirolamo et al.

Serial No.: 10/689,498

Filed: October 20, 2003

For: CONNECTOR FOR CONNECTING TWO
BUILDING MEMBERS TOGETHER THAT
PERMITS RELATIVE MOVEMENT BETWEEN
THE BUILDING MEMBERS

PATENT PENDING

Examiner: Mr. Phi Dieu N Tran A

Group Art Unit: 3637

Confirmation No.: 4298

Docket No: 4782-039

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005. Check number 17056 in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover the fees associated with a one-month time extension. If any further fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 524.00)

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Application Number
Filing Date
First Named Inventor Edward R. diGirolamo
Examiner Name
Art Unit
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375			Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 330	2002 165			Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260			Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 385.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims 31 - 20** = 11 X 9.00 = 99
Independent Claims 3 - 3** = 0 X 0 = 0
Multiple Dependent 0 - 0** = 0 X 0 = 0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42			Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42			** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$ 99.00)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity - Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	2053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160			Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235			Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
1809 750	2809 375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 40.00)

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